



# What's Up At Samara's Village?

## A Message From Debbie Keener

As we welcome the beautiful season of Spring, we are also excited to **welcome the new, healthy babies that have been born into Samara's Village** and extend our "Congratulations" to their families!

It's been an incredibly busy few months in the Village and we can't wait to tell you all about it. We are successfully getting the word out and several new pregnant and/or parenting adolescent moms have joined our program.

As we grow, so does **the need for Volunteers, like motherhood mentors. Please consider sharing your time and talent and make some great new friends in the Village.** Go to our website: **Samarasvillage.org** and click on the Volunteer tab. It's quick and easy to fill out an application and you will receive training. We also welcome new members to our **Village Ambassadors**, who are tasked with telling our story out in the community. The job descriptions for both of these positions (and several more) are on our website under Volunteers.

Speaking of expanding our reach, we held our very first **Remote Pop Up Shop in Shallotte in January.** It was extremely successful with over 121 families stopping by. All received educational materials and we distributed a ton of diapers and wipes.

**In February, Renee's Fine Jewelry and Eggs Up, both in Southport, contributed a portion of their sales to Samara's Village.** We cannot thank them enough for their incredible generosity!!

**In March, Samara's Village, as one of two named organizations being honored by the Brunswick County Sheriff Department's Diamonds and Denim Ball, was awarded \$28,000.** You're right, we got all gussied up and had a ball dancing, dining and bidding on items from the silent auction. We are eternally grateful to the Brunswick Sheriff's Charitable Foundation.

FINALLY, A huge thank you to Winding River for making us **the beneficiary of Winding River Trivia Night in April.**

**BRUNSWICK SHERIFF'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  
BENEFITS**

**Brunswick County Literacy Council and Samara's Village**



From left to right: Sheriff John W.Ingram, Debbie Keener, Margie Desderio, Melissa Warren and Monique Stenquist

**It truly takes a Village and we are so blessed  
to have your ongoing support!!**



**Warmly,  
Debbie Keener,  
Executive Director**

**I welcome your thoughts  
and comments. You can  
reach me at**

**[debbiekeener@samarasvillage.org](mailto:debbiekeener@samarasvillage.org)**

**Happy Anniversary!!  
Our 1 Year Anniversary is April 29  
and we have lots to celebrate.**



## **Village Treasures Awarded Duke Energy Revitalization Grant**

We are so grateful to have been one of the Southport businesses chosen to receive a \$1000 revitalization grant for the exterior of our store. Administered by the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, the grant was awarded to enhance commerce in our beautiful city! We were able to add 2 Tree of Life Benches, flowers, plants, white Trek fencing and then roll out the lime green carpet to add that southern charm.

**We can't wait for you to come check it out  
and find a treasure of your own!!**

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### **Please Join Us In Congratulating Lori Turner As the New Village Treasures Store Manager**

Lori has been a team lead on Fridays and, as of March 1, she has stepped into the role of store manager. In this role, Lori will oversee schedules, help with



inventory, training and will be another point of contact for questions.

**Here's how to reach Lori:**

**Mobile: 704.516.5908**

**Email: [lori@samarasvillage.org](mailto:lori@samarasvillage.org)**

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## **Welcome to Our First Ever Smithville Crossing Sidewalk Sale.**

Behind Walgreens at the intersection of 211 and River Road.

# Smithville Crossing Sidewalk Sale!

Come on out May 4th, 5th and 6th  
to shop!

When: 11 AM - 4 PM

Where: 1513 N Howe St.  
Smithville Crossing,  
Southport, NC 28461

## Participating Retailers:



## Meet Two of Our Parenting Adolescent Moms





## Another Successful Pop Up Shop!!

Samara's Village April Pop Up Shop was an amazing success! Over sixty families attended. They had the opportunity to visit Community Resource Agencies that we have partnered with. Participants shopped for free large and small baby gear, clothing, diapers and wipes. Our volunteers were spectacular in assisting them to find what they needed.

Huge thanks to our Community Partners and our Volunteer Village!

Thank you also to Brunswick County Store for their patience with our large crowds!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS: NEXT ONE IS REMOTE

Our next Pop Up shop is scheduled for June 21, 2023 at Seaside Methodist Church in Sunset Beach.

## This Just In...HOLD THE PRESSES



**Volunteer Appreciation  
May 18**

**Woodlands Pavilion, St.  
James**

**5-6pm Dinner & Program  
6-8pm Live Music by Luna  
Sea**

RSVP to Kelly Burke, by May 9:  
[kelly@samarasvillage.org](mailto:kelly@samarasvillage.org)



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